

CURIOUS CUSTOMS.

In several issues of the Democrat we alluded to the superstitious beliefs of some folks in our own land. As a companion piece we allude to some of the many queer customs and usages prevalent among the Cossacks of the Don. No man changes his clothing on a Monday. If he did, it is believed that he would suffer from a severe skin disease. On Thursday no fat or flesh must be pickled or corned. If any one neglected this the meat would be full of worms in a fortnight. Wool is not spun on a holiday, else the cattle will sicken and die. A hen is always given an uneven number of eggs to hatch, never an even number. Bones left from a dinner at a funeral are thrown into the river, else the dead will appear to the living in fearful shape, and at the same meal no one dare cut bread—it must always be broken.

BRICKLAYER'S SUPERSTITIONS. Bricklayers believe it is unlucky to lay the top brick at the north corner of a building. Some of them would lose a day's pay rather than imperil their future by doing such a piece of work. A bricklayer often bricks up in the hollow of a wall a horseshoe with a cent tied to it. This he does for good luck. Churches are the luckiest buildings to work on. Theatres are the unluckiest. It is bad luck to break a trowel.

COAL CARS IN A BONFIRE.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is about to start a huge bonfire in a field adjoining its Lucknow shops, just west of Harrisburg, which will burn indefinitely, as long, indeed, as there is left on the road a wooden coal car.

Orders have been posted at the shops that no more wooden cars of 40,000 or 50,000 pound capacity shall be repaired. All are to be run out to the end of a siding and burned. No effort will be made to save any of the woodwork, as the expense would be greater than the profit to be realized therefrom, and the scrap iron will be gathered up after the cars have been consumed.

The company is building no more wooden coal cars, and those in service are fast wearing out. They have been weakened by being hauled between the big steel cars, which are used in the coal traffic now, and hundreds of them have been crushed by sudden stoppage of trains. Wrecks that have resulted have cost the company hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The railroad officials have decided that it will be cheaper to destroy all these cars than to pay for the wrecks caused by their breaking, so all of them are booked for the fire.

To Legalize Murder.

Representative Gregory recently introduced a bill in the Iowa legislature asking that the law be given the right to take human life in cases where patients are affected by incurable diseases which cause much pain; also to prevent the rearing of children who are helplessly deformed or are hopelessly idiotic. Dr. Gregory said he simply asked that an act, which is committed by many great physicians out of their goodness of heart, be made lawful. He further stated, "Every large hospital in New York and Chicago is the scene of such murders daily."

Awfully Well Packed.

A lady and her little daughter were walking through a fashionable quarter when they came to a portion of the street strewn with straw, so as to deaden the noise of vehicles passing a certain house. "What's that for, ma?" said the child; to which the mother replied: "The lady who lives in that house, my dear, has had a little baby girl sent her." The child thought a moment, looked at the quantity of straw, and said: "Awfully well packed, wasn't she, ma?"

Letter to Phil D. Foster.

Dear Sir: The cheap paint to buy is the one that covers more than you think; the cheap one to wear is the one that is young when old. Mrs. Moore, of Kelsey, N. Y., bought 16 gallons Devco to paint her house two coats; her painters said it would take that. Had 6 gallons left. Mr. James Ackley's house, in Cairo (Catskill Mountains), N. Y., was painted Devco; it wore 14 years; and the paint was in good condition then. He was going to paint the last we knew, though. That's the way to preserve a house; re-paint when there's no occasion. Yours truly F. W. Devco & Co.

Penny Must Pay.

A bill was brought before the Blair county Grand Jury by one of its members recommending that the county commissioners compel the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to pay the county at least \$1.50 a day for each person maintained at the almshouse who is taken there after having met with an accident along the railroad. The bill met with general favor and approval. This entire expense has heretofore been borne by the county.

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A DESERTED VILLAGE.

Less Than 100 People Left in Town That had 1400

The town of Cammal, up Pine Creek, 23 miles from Jersey Shore is fast becoming a rival to Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." Twelve years ago there was a population of nearly 1400 in the town. To-day there are less than 100 persons living there. Then a fair-sized dwelling house there rented for \$11 a month. To-day the same house can be had for \$2 a month—indeed, there are a score or more dwellings in the place that could be had for the keeping up of repairs.

The cutting out of the timber and the removal of the saw and pipe mills that gave the town its mushroom growth are accountable for its decline. In the height of the industrial activity dozens of mill men and loggers borrowed money from the building and loan associations, built homes, paid a high rate of interest for six years or more, then let the property revert to the association.

ROCKEFELLER, the robber of the people of all nations, the worst since the creation, is still hiding. Life sentence in states prison is not half what he deserves should the law get its grip on the coal oil field.

Barred to Animals.

In an opinion replet with reasons of a purely sentimental nature, Judge A. S. Swartz, of Norristown, denied the right of any one in Pennsylvania to enter domestic animals in grave yards set apart for human beings, or to allow a monument to a brute to be erected in a cemetery, even though the body of the animal is not interred there in. He awarded an injunction to St. Peters Evangelical church of North Wales empowering the church to have Charles E. Bean remove a monument from the Bean family lot in the church graveyard. This is the first time such a legal question has been decided in this state.

The subject has been in controversy here for several years. At the request of the church council, Bean removed the dog's body, but erected a stone, with the inscription "Our Pet" over the spot where it had been buried. In accordance with Judge Swartz decision, Mr. Bean will now have to remove the monument.

E. A. Probst, of Lock Haven, makes a specialty of pet rattlesnakes, and he is now giving shelter to seven of the venomous reptiles, to the consternation of his neighbors.

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